Cleaning of Krishna River under National River Conservation Programme

2070. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to take up cleaning of Krishna river as part of the National River Conservation Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the plan to clean up river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh:

fc) by when this plan would be implemented;

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(d) the appropriate cost of this plan:

fe) the portion which will be spent in Andhra Pradesh for cleaning this river;

Cf) whether special efforts wiH ba made to set up various sewage purification plants in and around Vijayawada and

(g) the details thereof J

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ANT) FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : fa) The Government have approved in principle a National River Action Pian (NRAP), which is a programme fur pollution abatement of major national rivers including river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh in their identified polluted stretches;

(b) to fe). The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposals for taking up pollution abatement works in Vijayawada located on a tributary of the Krishna river at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.88 crores. The proposal in respect of Kurnool town is being prepared by the State Government. Decision on these work* will be taken on receipt of complete proposals.

ff) and (g) The works proposed by the S'ate Government under the programme inter-alia include interception, diversion and treatment of municipal waste water. Accordingly, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed setting up of two sewage treatment plants one of . 22.8 millions Litres per Day (MLD) and the other of 32.0 Million Litres per Day (MLD) capacity in Vijayawada.

Steps to protect and increase the Bio-diversity

2071. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated plans to assist States to plant degraded forest land with mixed species of trees of protect the bio-diversity;

(b) the details of concrete steps taken to assist State Governments to protect and increase bio-diversity;

(c) whether any assistance has been sought from foreign agencies for this purpose;

(d) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought any funds for increasing bio-diversity in forest lands; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) For afforestation of degraded forest lands, Government of India have formulated schemes such as, Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Pro-Area Oriented Fuel Wood and Fodder Project: Plantation of Minor Forest ice including Medicai Plants etc. These Schemes also protect the bio-diversity. In addition for *in-sitv* conservation $_0$f bio-diversity, protected areas like National Parks, Sanctuaries and Biosphere Reserves have been established in various States. Fragil ecosystems like wetlands, mangrove' H coral reefs have been identified or co; rvation and management in various States. The Government of India is providing financial assistance to the State Governments for implementing these Schemes.

fc) Yes, Sir,

(d) and (e). The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not sought funds from the Government of India *specifically* for increasing Biodiversity in the forest lands. However, the Central Government has provided assistance to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the following Afforestation Schemes:

Name of the Scheme	Assistance Provided (Rs. in lakhs) (1992-93)	(1993-94)
1. Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project	45.00	389.87
2. Area Oriented Fuelwood & Fodder Project	..	40.00
3. Minor Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	72.03	30.00

In the current year 1994-95 salso an allocation of Rupees 445 lakhs has been made for assistance to the Government of Ar.dhra Pradesh for the above Schemes.

Cleaning of rivers under the Nalianal River Conservation Programme

2072. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently identified some polluted rivers io clean them under the National River Conservation Programme:

(b) if so, the rivers identified for cleaning;

(c) whether any such polluted riveis in Orissa are also proposed for cleaning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THH MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMA]. NATH): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir] Based on survey conducted by Central Pollution Control Board and in consultation with the con-cered State Governments, the Government have identified River Godaveri in Andhra Pradesh.; River Subarnrekha in Bihar; River Sabarmati in Gujarat; Rivers Tan-ga, Bhadra, Tungabhadra and Cauvery in KarnataMka; Rivers Betwa, Khan, Kshi-pra, Tapi, Chambal, Wain Ganga and mada in Madhya Pradesh; Rivers Krishna, and Godavari in Maharashtra; Rivers Mahanadi and Brahimini in Orissa; River Satluj in Punjab; River Chambal in Rajasthan and River Cauvery in Tamil Nadu; for taking up pollution abatement works in towns located on polluted stretches under the National River Action Plan. Studies are being carried out in respect of river Beas in Himachal Pradesh. River Kali in U.P. has been found to have pollution mainly caused by industrial effluents.

Killing of Animals in *t'e* Shimilipal Forest, Orissa

2073. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the killing of elephants, tigers and other endangered species in Shimilipal forest in Orissa fa on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents which have come to Government'! notic* during the last on© year;